

Chancellor Richard C Atkinson to receive honorary doctor of public service degree by Bowling Green State University

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Dr. Richard C. Atkinson, chancellor of the University of California, San Diego, has been named to receive an honorary doctor of public service degree by Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio.

The degree will be awarded on Saturday, August 29, during the summer commencement exercises on the Bowling Green campus.

Atkinson has served as chancellor of the UC San Diego campus since July 1980. From 1975 to 1980 he served at the National Science Foundation in Washington, D.C. He was appointed deputy director of the foundation in 1975 by President Ford and was appointed director two years later by President Carter. As director of the National Science Foundation, Atkinson had a wide range of responsibilities for science and technology on a national and international level, including membership on both the U.S.-People's Republic of China Joint Commission on Science and Technology Cooperation and the U.S.-U.S.S.R. Joint Commission. He was responsible for negotiating and signing the first memorandum of understanding between the People's Republic of China and the United States, an agreement on the exchange of scientists, scholars and students. Prior to 1975, Atkinson was on the faculty at Stanford University for 20 years. He is an experimental psychologist and applied mathematician whose research has been concerned with problems of human memory and cognition. He has been elected to membership in a number of academic and scientific organizations including the National Academy of Sciences. For more information contact: Paul W. West, 452-3120 (August 21, 1981)